

of Nadia District fell ill on 28.2.05 due to food poisoning as the food got infected by insecticide spread by an owner of the banana plantation firm located close to the school. An FIR has been lodged against the owner of the plantation firm.

In another case, 85 children of Metyadahar Primary School of Paschim Midnipur District fell ill on 4.5.05 after consumption of mid-day meal. The State Government had reported that the incident was inquired and no criminal intension or willful misdeed was found.

Effect of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

599. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, out of school children have nearly been halved in certain States, while the position is still grim in the backward States, i.e. Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Orissa, and

(b) if so, what is the action plan of the Centre to help these backward States both financially and physically to improve their position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The number of out of school children reported by States in March, 2006 is estimated at 70 lakh. In Bihar, Chattisgarh and Orissa, the out of the school children reported in the same period show the position as 23.2 lakh, 1.68 lakh and 6.03 lakh respectively. These three are priority States in so far as financial allocations under SSA is concerned, as well as received regular capacity buildings from national resource teams.

Future of Central Tibetan schools, administration

600. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to close down

or hand over Central Tibetan schools, administration (CTSA) to any other organization;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, what will be the future of the existing employees of the CTSA and who will give the pension to the retired/retiring staff of CTSA; and

(d) what Government are thinking about the schools' land where the schools have been functioning and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) As per the recommendations of the Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC), a Peer Group was set up to review the functions/activities of the Central Tibetan School Administration (CTSA). The Peer Group recommended that the schools of CTSA be merged with the schools of the CTA (Deptt. of Education of the Central Tibetan Administration of His Holiness the Dalai Lama), or with an autonomous body/society, that may be sponsored by the CTA. No decision has been taken by the Ministry of Human Resource Development in the matter.

Allocation for expenditure on SSA

601. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total allocation of funds for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the amount spent thereon with details of schools involved, teachers appointed and students enrolled, during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the 'Educational Development Index' (EDI), developed by the National University of Education Planning and Administration (NUEPA), has ranked each State on the basis of their achievement in the SSA;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action is proposed to be taken against States making false claims and to ensure that they are not found wanting in the implementation of the SSA?